



Green Bay Fire Department Press Release



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Gipper's Sports Bar and Grill Fire

At 8:49am this morning the Green Bay Fire Department responded to Gipper's Sports Bar and Grill (1860 University Avenue). A unit from fire station #2 (corner of Webster and University), was driving down University Ave. and noticed smoke coming from the front of the building. Units were dispatched for a working fire and quickly arrived on scene to find smoke and flames coming from the front of the building. The fire was knocked down in approximately 30 minutes. Crews spent several hours on scene checking for extension of the fire in the attic and ceiling areas.

The first arriving engine secured water from a fire hydrant roughly 300ft. from the building. The second arriving engine attempted to secure an alternate water supply from a hydrant directly across the street from the business but the hydrant was frozen shut. A second ambulance was added to this call to assist in firefighter rehabilitation in light of the cold temperatures. Two people were inside of the building at the time of the fire but escaped without injury.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. No foul play is suspected at this time. The fire appeared to have started in an office area. Damages are estimated to be in excess of \$80,000. It is unknown as to when the business will be able to reopen.

Incident Information

Incident Date: 1/31/2009

Incident Address: 1860 University Avenue

Incident Times: Dispatched at 8:49 AM

Incident Description: Bar/Restaurant

Cause of Fire: Pending investigation

Origin of Fire: Fire appears to have started in office area

Estimated Dollar Loss: \$80,000

Injuries: No injuries

Incident Number: 786

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